

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-20. **(Cancelled)**.

21. **(Currently Amended)** An umbrella apparatus comprising:

a pole portion;

a canopy portion hingedly coupled to the pole portion;

a rechargeable electrical power system for providing electrical power to the umbrella apparatus; and

a solar energy system attached to the top of the pole portion above the canopy portion, the solar energy system being adapted to collect solar energy and convert the solar energy into electrical energy, the solar energy system being conductively coupled to the rechargeable electrical power system, such that the solar energy collected and converted into electrical energy recharges the rechargeable electrical power system;

wherein the solar energy system is configured to remain in a fixed position relative to the pole portion when the canopy portion is operated between an opened position and a closed position.

22. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the rechargeable electrical power system and the solar energy system are both carried by a single housing mounted on the pole portion above the canopy portion.

23. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the solar energy system is carried by a first housing mounted on the top of the pole portion above the canopy portion and the rechargeable electrical power system is carried by a second housing located below the canopy portion.

24. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 21, further comprising:

an electrical charging system for recharging the rechargeable electrical power system, the electrical charging system being adapted to receive power from an AC power outlet.

25. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 21, further comprising:
a removable base support portion adapted to receive the pole portion and support the umbrella apparatus in an upright position.

26. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the rechargeable electrical power system is carried within the base support portion.

27. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:
an electrical charging system for recharging the rechargeable electrical power system, the electrical charging system being adapted to receive power from an AC power outlet;
wherein the electrical charging system is carried within the base support portion.

28. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:
an electrical charging system for recharging the rechargeable electrical power system, the electrical charging system being adapted to receive power from an AC power outlet;
wherein the electrical charging system and the rechargeable electrical power system are both carried within the base support portion.

29. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:
a remote AC docking station for recharging the rechargeable electrical power system;
wherein the rechargeable electrical power system is configured for detachment from the umbrella apparatus and attachment to the remote AC docking station.

30. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the solar energy system is conductively coupled to the rechargeable electrical power system by a releasable plug, such that the solar energy collected and converted into electrical energy recharges the rechargeable electrical power system when the solar energy system is plugged into the rechargeable electrical power system.

31. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the canopy portion comprises:

- a collapsible cover;
- a plurality of rib members for supporting the collapsible cover; and
- a lighting system carried by the rib members, the lighting system being conductively coupled to and powered by the rechargeable electrical power system.

32. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 31, wherein the lighting system comprises:

- a plurality of lighting elements recessed within the rib members.

33. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the canopy portion comprises:

- a collapsible cover;
- a plurality of rib members for supporting the collapsible cover; and
- a lighting system carried by the collapsible cover, the lighting system being conductively coupled to and powered by the rechargeable electrical power system.

34. **(Original)** The umbrella apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the canopy portion comprises:

- a collapsible cover;
- a plurality of rib members for supporting the collapsible cover;
- a hub member that is movable along the pole portion;
- a strut hingedly connected between the hub and each rib member; and

a lighting system carried by the struts, the lighting system being conductively coupled to and powered by the rechargeable electrical power system.

Claims 35-69. **(Withdrawn).**